

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraphs on page 3, after paragraph [0019]:

Fig. 2 is a schematic illustrating a portable memory card for use with an electronic device according to an embodiment of the invention.

Figs. 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g, 3h, 3i, 3j, and 3k are schematic block diagrams providing examples of step 10 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a schematic block diagram providing examples of step 30 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a schematic block diagram providing examples of steps 10 and 30 of Fig. 1 in combination.

Please replace paragraph [0021] on pages 4-5 with the following paragraph

[0021] Referring now to Fig. 1, there is shown a preferred embodiment for implementing the method in accordance with the present invention. The first step in the method, represented by block 5 is to provide a memory card. A next step, represented by block 10, is to monitor usage activity for the memory card. This step would be most conveniently performed by monitoring the events, such as power-on events, write events, read events, and any other events that may be advantageous to monitor, occurring/performed to the memory card. In a preferred embodiment, this event monitoring and collecting step 10 would be accomplished by monitoring for and collecting event descriptor information, as well as a count of the number of times that this event descriptor has occurred. This count information and other additional information relating to the event descriptor, such as the source of the usage data, e.g., the memory card or the host, could be collected and associated with the event descriptor. Typical event descriptors might include a powered-on event, and the count associated with this event descriptor would be the number of times that the memory card is powered on. Another event descriptor might be a write event, and the count associated therewith would be the number of times that a write event had occurred for the memory card. Another event descriptor might be a read event, and the count associated therewith would be the number of

read event which have occurred to the memory card. Another event descriptor might be physical insertions of the memory card, and the associated count might be the number of physical insertions of the memory card. Another event descriptor might be a measure of how full is the memory card, and the associated count would be a percentage or other representation of how full the memory is. Another event descriptor might be the number of times that data was corrected by the memory card, and the associated count would be the number of such corrections. Another event descriptor would be a writing of an image file such as with an extension like JPEG or TIF, and the associated count would be the number of such image files written to the memory card. A further parameter that could be associated with this image file event descriptor might be the total amount of memory used by image files on the memory card. Another event descriptor might be a music file write such as with an extension like MP3 or WMA to the memory card, and the associated count would be the number of times that such music files were written to the memory card. A further parameter that could be associated with this music file event descriptor might be the total amount of memory used by music files on the memory card. An additional parameter that could be associated with this music file write event might be the total amount of memory used by music file storage. Another event descriptor is a data/text file write event, and the associated count would be the number of such data/text file writes. An additional parameter that could be associated with this data/text file event would be the total amount of memory used by such data/text file write operations. An additional parameter that could be associated with this data/text file event would be the transfer rate performance achieved during such data/text file write operations. Another event descriptor might be the number of times that the memory card was formatted, and the associated count would be the number of times that the memory card was formatted. Another event descriptor might be occurrence of host unique data write events and the associated count would be the number of such host unique data write events.

Please insert the following paragraphs on page 11, before paragraph [0034]:

Fig. 2 is a schematic illustrating a portable memory card 200 for use with an electronic device 240. The memory card includes a processor 210, dedicated memory area 220 and display 230. The display 230 may be a screen or window, for example.

Figs. 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g, 3h, 3i, 3j, and 3k provide examples of step 10 of Fig. 1. Figs. 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g, 3h, 3i, 3j, and 3k illustrate these examples steps as steps 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f1-10f3, 10g, 10h, 10i, 10j, and 10k1-10k2, respectively.

Fig. 4 provides examples of step 30 of Fig. 1, and in particular illustrates steps 30a, 30b, and 30c.

Fig. 5 provides an example of steps 10 and 30 of Fig. 1 in combination, and in particular illustrates steps 510 and 530.